--- “Series of 1897” - 10 Cigars - 215 x 15 mm ---

--- *recess printed* in BLACK ink - *coarse roulette* - with 4½ mm. red control numbers ---

--- with the 24 mm. [AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA **] imprint - scanned at 70% scale ---**

The catalogue lists this recess printed black ten cigar “Series of 1897” strip as follows:

RG-552 - 10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm red controls
RG-554 - 10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm purple controls

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--- RG-552 - 10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm red controls ---

RG-552 - 10 cigars, black, control **0830019**, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove paper

★**RG-552** - 10 cigars, black, control **1058357**, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove paper, roller cancelled EXCISE / 21 - 17 / CANADA within a circle by “E. Youngheart” Montreal

459418	RG-552	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a box of “Beresford” cigars by “Stirton & Dyer”, London [**21-32**]
0500961-62★	RG-552	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, the top pair from Plate No. **2**
0830019★	RG-552	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
1058357	RG-552	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, with a circular EXCISE / 21 - 17 / CANADA cancellation
2386164★	RG-552 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a metal box of **Little Pearls** cigars, by “J. Hirsch”, Montreal [**34-17**]
2788434★	RG-552 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **El Fenix** by **1-??** the label hides the company code
9334192★	RG-552 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **El Ada** cigars, by “Rock City”, Quebec City - [**2-8**]

The American Bank Note Company acquired the contract to print tax-paid stamps in 1897. Their 4½ mm. control numbering began in red ink, switched to purple ink in 1914, and thence to blue ink in 1923. The control sequence ran from **0000001** to **9999999**, and then began again at **0000001**. Thus it is impossible to give a systematic listing purely by the control numbers. The “Inland Revenue” listings (e.g. **6 - 17**) changed in November 1921 to the “Customs & Excise” coding (e.g. **6-10-D**).

--- RG-554 - 10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm purple controls ---

★**RG-554** - 10 cigars, black, control **4201813**, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, with an unreadable violet circular roller cancellation

178775★	09/16	RG-554 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a 5" x 3⅞" x 1⅝" wooden box of **Dolly Varden** cigars, box bottom is stamped **Sep. 25, 1916** by "William Ward", London, Ontario - [**11-32**]
4201813 ★		RG-554	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
4222365★		RG-554 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, on a two-piece cardboard box of **The Chamberlain**, by "Otto Brener", Farnham, P.Q.
4383854★		RG-554 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Santa Clara ci**gars by "A. F. Ryall", London [**27 - 32**]
4624725★		RG-554 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **The Jap** cigars by "James A. McNee", London [**7-24-E**]
4720913★	01/23	RG-554 **	10 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Tucketts Preferred** by "Tuckett Tobacco", Montreal [**5-10D**] - bottom stamped **4 1 23**

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